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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A toner replenishing container for supplying toner to an image forming apparatus comprising:

a container body for storing toner therein;

a cap member attached to a mouth of the container body, the cap member having a toner outlet port and a shutter member for opening/closing the toner outlet port; and

an indication member removably attachable to the cap member to indicate a kind of toner in the container, even with the toner replenishing container detached from the image forming apparatus

wherein the indication member serves as a control member for inhibiting the toner replenishing container from being loaded on a toner supply portion of the image forming apparatus if the indication member does not coincide with a structure of the toner supply portion.

2 (canceled).

3 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 1, wherein
the cap member has a plurality of mounting portions permitting the mounting of the indication member.

4 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 3, wherein
the plural mounting portions are a plurality of mounting holes.

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5 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 4, wherein
the indication member is mounted in a predetermined mounting hole according to a type of
toner stored in the container body.

6 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 4, wherein
a plurality of indication members are mounted in the mounting holes according to a type of
toner stored in the container body.

7 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 4, wherein
the container body has a fixing portion for fixing the cap member and a counterrotation-
preventing projection for preventing the cap member fixed to the fixing portion from rotating in a
reverse direction.

8 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 7, wherein
the cap member has a first cap member and a second cap member removably engaged with
the first cap member.

9 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 8, wherein
the first cap member has the toner outlet port, the shutter member, the mounting holes, and
an engagement portion for engaging with the fixing portion of the container body.

10 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 9, wherein
the fixing portion is formed on an outer surface of the container body whereas the
engagement portion is formed on an inner periphery of the first cap member.

11 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 8, wherein

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the second cap member has a lock extension locked to the counterrotation-preventing projection of the container body.

12 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 11, wherein
the counterrotation-preventing projection is formed on an outer surface of the container body whereas the lock extension is formed on an inner periphery of the second cap member.

13 (original). A toner replenishing container for supplying toner to an image forming apparatus comprising:

a container body for storing toner therein; and
a cap member attached to a mouth of the container body, the cap member comprising a first cap member and a second cap member removably engaged with the first cap member, wherein
the container body has a fixing portion for fixing the cap member and a counterrotation-preventing projection for preventing the cap member fixed to the fixing portion from rotating in a reverse direction; wherein

the first cap member has a toner outlet port, a shutter member for opening/closing the toner outlet port, and an engagement portion for engaging with the fixing portion of the container body; and wherein

the second cap member has an extension locked to the counterrotation-preventing projection of the container body.

14 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 13, wherein
the fixing portion is formed on an outer surface of the container body whereas the engagement portion is formed on an inner periphery of the first cap member.

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15 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 13, wherein
the counterrotation-preventing projection is formed on an outer surface of the container body
whereas the lock extension is formed on an inner periphery of the second cap member.

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16 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 13, wherein
the first cap member has a plurality of mounting holes to which an indication member is
removably attached.

17 (original). The toner replenishing container as claimed in Claim 16, wherein
the indication member serves as a control member for determining whether the toner
replenishing container may be loaded on a toner supply portion of the image forming apparatus or
not.

18 (previously presented). A toner replenishing container for supplying toner to an image
forming apparatus comprising:

a container body for storing toner therein, the toner body having a plurality of mounting
holes; and

at least one indication member which is removably attached to one of the mounting holes to
indicate a kind of toner in the container.

19 (previously presented). A method of producing a toner container for supplying toner to
an image forming apparatus, said method comprising:

filling the toner container with toner; and attaching a cap member to the toner container, said
cap member having at least one indication member which is inserted into one of a plurality of
mounting holes on the cap member to indicate a kind of toner in the container.

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20 (previously presented). A method of producing a toner container for supplying toner to an image forming apparatus, said method comprising:

filling the toner container with toner; and

inserting at least one indication member into a plurality of mounting holes on the toner container to indicate ~~a kind~~ of toner in the container.

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